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LCP PLANNING

GRANT APPLICATION FORM

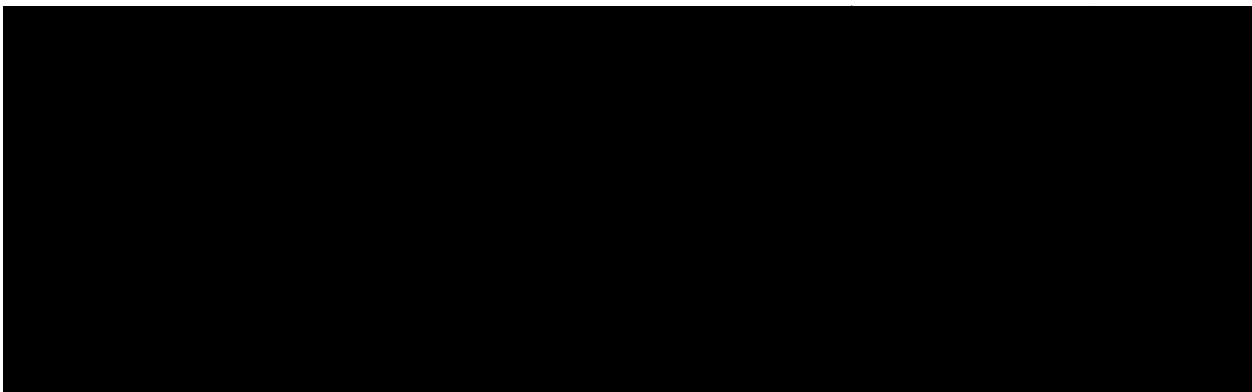
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For Fiscal Year 2013-2014, Governor Brown and the California Legislature approved an augmentation of \$1 million to the California Coastal Commission's budget to support local governments responsible for planning under the California Coastal Act (Coastal Act) to develop or update Local Coastal Programs (LCPs). A full description of the grant program is available <http://www.coastal.ca.gov/lcp/lcpgrantprogram.html>.

Coastal Commission staff is available to work with local governments and to assist you during the application process. Please note the entire grant application will be public record upon submittal. Click in the shaded text fields to enter text, numbers and dates. The fields will expand to accommodate the data. Press the tab key to move between fields.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant name (organization): City of Arcata



PROJECT INFORMATION

Project title: City of Arcata Local Coastal Program Amendment

LCP/ LCP Segment: LCP (Comprehensive Update)

Project location: City / Geographic area: Arcata

County: Humboldt

Project timeline: Start date: April 2014

End date: October 2015

MAPS AND PHOTOS

Applications must include one map showing the planning area for the project. Additional photos or maps may be included as attachments if needed to illustrate the proposed project. Please note: any photos and maps you submit are subject to the unqualified and unconditional right of the State of California to use, reproduce, publish, or display, free of charge. Please indicate if crediting is requested for the photos and/or maps.

APPLICATION MATERIALS

1. A PROJECT DESCRIPTION. Provide a clear description of the proposed project organized under subheadings to describe how the project will address the priorities and criteria. This section should be no more than 5 - 7 pages in 12 point font, single-spaced, and should include the following:

- a. The **goals and objectives** of your project: Include a description of how you will accomplish each objective, and how your objectives will accomplish your goals.
- b. **Project details:** Include a specific description of how the planning project will be carried out, including specific plans for community outreach and **how the project addresses the adopted priorities and criteria:**

- i. **Public Benefit/Significance**

Please describe the extent to which the proposed LCP planning project will: (1) address issues of statewide significance and (2) maximize public benefits of the coast. These benefits can include: preserving and enhancing coastal habitat, protecting, providing and enhancing public access, protecting priority land uses such as agriculture, coastal dependent development or recreation, Smart Growth and sustainable development initiatives, protecting and providing lower cost visitor and recreational opportunities, and addressing climate change and sea-level rise. Provisions for citizen participation must be a part of the work program.

- ii. **Relative Need for LCP Update/Extent of Update**

Describe the need for the proposal. For example, when was the LCP last updated in whole or in part? Is there an urgency related to the specific planning issues to be addressed? What is the scope of the effort? Please identify the specific elements of the LCP that you are targeting to be updated. Is it targeted to a particular geographic or policy area or to the entire jurisdiction? Does the LCP need to be reformatted or reorganized to improve the clarity and utility of the document and how it relates to other planning documents? Describe how the proposed planning project will be effective in conserving and protecting coastal resources, and how the proposed project builds upon or complements existing efforts that may be underway or completed for your jurisdiction.

- iii. **Addressing the Effects of Climate Change**

Please describe how the proposed project addresses the effects of climate change, including sea-level rise and other coastal hazards. How will it address shoreline protection, planned retreat and redevelopment of existing shoreline and blufftop development? How will it address other issue areas affected by climate change, such as changes in habitat, fire hazards, and transportation and land use policies to facilitate reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and vehicle miles travelled?

iv. Likelihood of Success/Effectiveness

Please describe the planning process, steps or mechanisms for coordination with the Coastal Commission staff and the public, and how this grant would advance that process. Please describe the factors that will contribute to the success and effectiveness of your project. Consider the following questions in your response:

- What steps or measures are proposed to help ensure that this effort will be successfully completed and implemented? If your jurisdiction is not yet certified, please explain the factors that make the success of this planning effort more likely. Similarly, if your jurisdiction previously received LCP grant funds, explain the factors that make the success of this planning effort more likely.
- What is the level of support for the project? Please describe or include information that shows support for the project such as resolutions of intent and endorsement for the proposed work, matching funds or other complementary efforts.
- Is LCP or related planning work already underway? How will this grant support and further that effort?

v. Workload and Permit Streamlining

Describe how this project may contribute to a more efficient and streamlined permitting and post-certification process.

vi. Project Integration/Leverage/Matching Funds

Please describe how this grant application will contribute to efficient use of informational resources, and any existing resources. What other grant funds have been committed or applied for? Are any matching funds or significant in-kind resources available? What other planning work (such as through the Ocean Protection Council, Coastal Conservancy or the Strategic Growth Council) is being undertaken that could help further the LCP effort? If other resources are limited or unavailable, describe the hardship circumstances that may warrant waiver of these considerations.

1. A PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Goal 1: Determine effects of range of scenarios sea level rise will have on Arcata's Coastal Zone

- Objective 1:* Review literature informing sea level rise policy development in Arcata; includes seven major reports
- Objective 2:* Determine and map range of SLR projections. Mapping at 2030, 2050, 2100
- Objective 3:* Identify potential SLR impacts to natural resources, critical facilities, existing development, and planned development
- Objective 4:* Assess risks to coastal resources and potential development; identify problem areas
- Objective 5:* Identify range of adaptation measures and LCP policy options
- Objective 6:* Prepare Sea Level Rise Scenarios and Adaptation Plan
- Objective 7:* Consult with Coastal Commission staff

Goal 2: Develop LCP background and regulatory framework

- Objective 1:* Prepare an Update to the Existing Conditions Report for Arcata's Coastal Zone
- Objective 2:* Analyze and modify the City's previous 2011 LCP submittal
- Objective 3:* Outline LCP organizational framework and regulatory relationship to the City's current General Plan, Land Use Code (zoning ordinance) and the Coastal Act to achieve City and Commission objectives
- Objective 4:* Consult with Coastal Commission staff

Goal 3: Hold a series of public workshops to foster buy-in and solicit public participation

- Objective 1:* Public workshop 1 -Arcata's City-Wide Coastal Vision
- Objective 2:* Public workshop 2-Focus on Bayside and Alliance/Spear Neighborhoods and Coastal Agriculture
- Objective 3:* Public workshop 3 -Focus on Samoa Boulevard, Marsh, and Wastewater Treatment Plant
- Objective 4:* Public workshop 4 -Focus on Vacant and Underutilized Land
- Objective 5:* Public workshop 5 -Themes and Alternative from Workshops 1- 4
- Objective 6:* Consult with Coastal Commission staff

Goal 4: Gain certification of Local Coastal Program Update

- Objective 1:* Prepare Local Coastal Land Use Plan: incorporate regulatory framework, Sea Level Rise policies and policies responsive to Public Outreach
- Objective 2:* Prepare Coastal Implementation Plan: incorporate Framework and modify policies if necessary to respond to Sea Level Rise and Public Outreach
- Objective 3:* Circulate LCP to affected agencies, respond to comments, and amend LCP to accommodate comments if necessary

Objective 4: Hold three Planning Commission hearing and two City Council hearings to generate final draft LCP

Objective 5: Consult with Coastal Commission staff

Objective 6: Prepare final draft LCP

Objective 7: Obtain Coastal Commission certification for LCP: submit to Coastal Commission for review and attend Coastal Commission hearings

i. Public Benefit/Significance:

Updating the City of Arcata's Local Coastal Program (LCP) will replace an antiquated 1980's regulatory program with modern policies and standards that address important issues of both statewide and local significance. While Arcata may not be able to solve statewide issues singlehandedly, it will further the State's efforts through local policies and will serve as an example for other jurisdictions to follow. The LCP will help to advance the California Climate Adaptation Strategy by accounting for the effects of sea level rise in relevant policies, thereby providing the first phase of a sea-level rise adaptation plan. Creating an adaptive management approach will provide the structure that the 1989 LCP lacks: the ability to incorporate changes in the economy and environment while maintaining the integrity of the LCP.

In 2011, the City submitted a complete update of its 1989 certified LCP using an approach which combined the City's proposed LCP amendments and the city-wide General Plan into one document and the proposed Implementation Plan amendments and city-wide zoning code into a second combined document. This approach was commonly referred to as the "two book approach". Coastal Commission staff provided extensive comments and in August and September of 2011, the Commission conducted hearings on the drafts.

The City invested over ten years and \$200,000 and conducted over 100 public hearings on this "two book" approach. This effort was ultimately unsuccessful and resulted in: 1) Commission staff recommending against the "two book" approach, and 2) the City withdrawing the Implementation Plan from Commission review, and 3) conditional approval from the Commission on the LCP/General Plan "book" which has since expired due to the City's non-acceptance of the extensive conditions. The City learned a great deal from this past process and has since made great strides in improving our communications with Commission staff and has embraced the "four book" approach as recommended by Commission staff.

The Arcata City Council has since taken measures to separate the Local Coastal Land Use Plan and Implementation Plan from our General plan and zoning ordinance. The remaining task is to consider the extensive comments from the Coastal Commission that the City received throughout the past several years in our comprehensive update to the 1989 LCP.

The City of Arcata is committed to substantially amending its certified LCP and, if awarded this grant, the Commission can be assured that the City will submit and receive Commission certification well within the prescribed 2-year timeframe.

Arcata's existing General Plan and Land Use Code embrace "Smart Growth" practices which are in line with the State's preferred development patterns. Smart Growth practices require and encourage infill development, brownfield remediation, alternative transportation, and mixed-used, live/work zoning. Arcata recognizes that the value of natural resource lands of all sizes and shapes is significantly enhanced when linked together in and has implemented strong regulatory protections which discourage sprawl and protect open spaces. Arcata aspires to preserve sufficient lands for both active and passive recreational activities and coastal access to serve the present and future needs of the community.

In order to fulfill Arcata's vision and maximize public benefits, the policies and standards within the LCP will focus on increasing public access, protecting and restoring wetlands and other environmentally sensitive habitat areas, and creating a sea-level rise adaptation plan. At the same time, it will allow reasonable development to occur at an appropriate density and intensity of use for specific areas, by accommodating the changes in land use patterns and adapting policies to reflect new data regarding sea level rise.

The City has a variety of recreational opportunities and has completed several large acquisition and restoration projects within the coastal zone, which the LCP update will preserve and build upon. For example, the City's Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary encompasses approximately 307 acres, includes over five miles of trails and a boat ramp/dock, and is visited by over 100,000 people each year. The LCP update will help implement Arcata's Rail with Trail connectivity project and expand the current Arcata Bay Trail, which is a portion of the California Coastal Trail. In addition to these projects, the City has acquired, protected, restored, and enhanced over 565 acres of coastal wetlands in the City's Baylands project, and an additional 300 acres in the McDaniel Slough project. Within the last month, the City removed the tide gate and allowed Humboldt Bay to breach and flow into Janes Creek estuary for the first time in over 100 years. The updated LCP will identify additional areas that are appropriate for further restoration, enhancement, or protection projects which will reflect both the local community's and the State's high value of natural ecosystems.

Lastly, one of the community's greatest natural and municipal assets is the award-winning wastewater treatment plant (WWTP), which uses the ecosystem services of Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary to provide secondary and tertiary wastewater treatment for the City. Updating the LCP will enable the City to devise an adaptation plan for sea-level rise as it pertains to critical facilities such as the WWTP, pump station and other critical facilities in addition to natural resources within the coastal zone. A proposed LCP update will enable the City to

effectively manage and protect its valued coastal areas, and will also serve as an integral component of protecting the Humboldt Bay area at large.

ii. Relative Need for LCP Update/Extent of Update

Arcata was incorporated in 1859, and over the years land was developed primarily for the utility of the booming timber and agricultural industries. The City's existing LCP was certified in 1989 with only minor amendments over the last 24 years. It was originally drafted to reflect the land use patterns of that time and assumed they would remain largely unchanged. Its policies and standards focused primarily on large lot sizes zoned for industrial use and, although compliant with the California Coastal Act, contained minimal natural resource conservation policies by today's standards. Since then, it is clear that Arcata's values and economy have changed significantly. Although the local and regional timber industry still exists, it is a fraction the size it was when the LCP was developed. As a result, the City's LCP regulatory standards have become disconnected with the realities of Arcata's modern small niche manufacturing economy. This regulatory disconnect is a significant barrier to economic sustainability, and the City is now left with a significant amount of vacant and underutilized industrial land in the coastal zone. As part of this LCP update, and to reflect the changes in Arcata's economy, the City intends to significantly modify the industrial policies and zoning standards to revitalize the vacant and underutilized industrial and commercial properties along Samoa Boulevard using input from property owners and the community at large.

In addition to Arcata's economic need for an LCP update, the City's geographic location and prioritization of its natural resources necessitate a current and effective LCP. Arcata is situated on the northern end of Humboldt Bay, which is the second largest bay on the California coast, after San Francisco Bay. The area regulated under the City's LCP contains five creeks (6.8 miles of creek corridor) that flow into Humboldt Bay; including Jacoby Creek, Humboldt Bay's third-largest tributary, containing State-listed salmonid species, associated riparian areas, two estuarine sloughs, and vegetated and open-water wetlands. The area also contains 1,200 acres of open bay tidelands. The LCP will establish specific policies and standards that will protect, restore, or enhance wetlands and riparian habitats adjacent to Humboldt Bay.

Furthermore, climate change, and the expected sea level rise resulting from it, is not mentioned in the City's certified 1989 LCP. It is critical for Arcata to develop an adaptation plan due to the location of its WWTP, located within the coastal zone on the edge of Humboldt Bay. This location places the WWTP at risk of inundation and therefore jeopardizes the plant's integrity. The City has determined that it is essential to devise an adaptation strategy to plan for these critical facilities and other effects that sea level rise will have on Arcata's Coastal Zone.

Unfortunately, because the City's 1989 certified LCP has become obsolete, it has acted as a hindrance to maximizing restoration, land use, and future planning potential for the City. The

City intends, through a participatory public process, to completely overhaul the existing LCP. Based on Coastal Commission LCP Update Guidelines and recommendations from Staff, funds from this grant will help to update the program, receive certification, and implement the policies. These steps will complete the necessary policy document for integrating Arcata's changing land use patterns, existing climate change studies, and restoration efforts into a cohesive plan that effectively guides future development patterns in Arcata's Coastal Zone.

iii. Addressing the Effects of Climate Change

The City of Arcata is an active partner with a variety of public, non-profit and private consultants that have been working on evaluating vulnerability and devising adaptation strategies to address the impacts that are anticipated to result from climate change. In 2006, the City adopted a Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Reduction Plan, laying out a strategy for curbing emissions of GHGs. Furthermore, the City has extensive scientific data to inform its policies, such as the Humboldt Bay Shoreline Inventory, Mapping, and Sea Level Rise Vulnerability Assessment published by Aldaron Laird of Trinity Associates in January, 2013. It is the City's goal that, if funded, this grant will greatly assist the City in updating its policies and standards to receive certification by the Coastal Commission and implement its program.

In order to best plan for the effects of climate change, the City of Arcata is proposing LCP updates in three time periods that are associated with projected rising sea levels within the next 100 years. This LCP update will specifically focus on the next 15 to 17 years lasting roughly until year 2030. During this time period, it is projected that rising sea levels will have a modest effect, increasing approximately 8 to 10 inches (California Coastal Commission Draft Sea-Level Rise Policy Guidance, 2013). To plan for this, Arcata will analyze options and identify which areas should be defended and which areas should involve strategic retreat of susceptible infrastructure. The City will look at protecting or relocating critical facilities, with special focus on the WWTP and its associated facilities. It will also plan and implement restoration and enhancement projects to limit surge effects and reduce the impact of future sea level rise. Careful consideration will be paid to new structures within the long term 58 to 62 inch sea level rise estimate (2100) to account for building lifecycles. In addition, long-term conversion of identified retreat areas will commence, specifically through limitations on new building, rebuilding, and reconstruction. This planning approach in its entirety effectively addresses the immediate concerns associated with sea level rise and creates a policy framework for long term effects.

The next LCP update phase will plan for approximately 20 years, lasting until 2050. During this time period, it is projected that sea levels will increase an additional approximately 10 to 12 inches. By this time, the City will consider expansion of defense and retreat projects and policies beyond critical facilities to include neighborhoods in affected areas. It will also define and begin implementing policies for public services in retreat areas.

The final LCP update phase within the 100-year planning horizon will plan for the following 50 years, lasting until year 2100. At this point, accelerated effects will occur along the entire bay-front and tributaries, increasing another 36 to 40 inches (to a total of 56 to 62 inches above current levels, accounting for local land subsidence). Arcata will continue reclamation projects with improvements based on experience to date. Phasing LCP updates over the next 100 years in time periods associated with sea level rise projections will facilitate adaptive management practices and allow for policies to be amended in order reflect the most current scientific research and data available.

iv. Likelihood of Success/Effectiveness

Arcata is one of the few communities that currently has scientific information to inform its LCP policies. The Humboldt Bay Shoreline Inventory, Mapping, and Sea Level Rise Vulnerability Assessment was completed by Trinity Associates, a preliminary feasibility analysis of a fringe salt marsh system bordering Arcata Marsh and WWTP was completed by Arcata's Environmental Services Department, and an Existing Conditions Report for the Samoa Boulevard Specific Plan was completed by LACO Associates. Updating the LCP will create appropriate land use policies that are grounded in science; having an existing scientific background ensures efficient use of information and enables timely mobilization from policy development to implementation.

The City also has a long history of organizing and working cooperatively with federal and State agencies, for-profit and non-profit corporations, and citizen groups to make Arcata a desirable place to live and work. These relationships and the open public process which the City will craft the LCP will serve as a cornerstone to the overall project, ensuring buy-in from multiple stakeholders with a diverse set of opinions and increasing the likelihood of project success.

Having a current LCP will not only benefit the City of Arcata and help address issues of statewide significance, but will also directly benefit the surrounding jurisdictions. Because Humboldt Bay lies within multiple jurisdictions, it is important to adopt a set of land use policies that are complimentary to the regional planning efforts currently underway. Gaining input from these jurisdictions during the process will ensure support of Arcata's LCP and foster a regional planning approach. To demonstrate the need and importance of this effort, the City has received letters of support from the League of California Cities, Congressman Huffman, California Assemblyman Chesbro, California Senator Evans and the Humboldt Bay Harbor District (Attached).

As mentioned previously, Arcata intends to structure the LCP around three time periods: years 2030, 2050, and 2100. This adaptive management approach will provide the structure that the 1989 LCP lacks: the ability to incorporate changes in the economy and environment while maintaining the integrity of the LCP.

v. Workload and Permit Streamlining

The City of Arcata currently processes Coastal Development Permits (CDPs) for development projects located within the City's permit jurisdiction. Significant portions of the City are located within the State's retained permit jurisdiction or within areas that have been determined to be categorically excluded from the requirement of a CDP per the State's Categorical Exclusion E-88-3 Order. The City's LCP update will be drafted such a way as to encourage permit streamlining while at the same time having a robust public review process. The permit review process will be flexible enough to provide a speedy process for simpler and more straight-forward projects while maintaining a robust review process for more complicated projects that require a higher level of scrutiny.

vi. Project Integration/Leverage/Matching funds

Updating Arcata's LCP will foster cooperative efforts to address planning issues and promote coastal planning on a comprehensive regional basis. During development, the City will utilize existing data and maps to inform baseline conditions and future projections where applicable. The City will also contribute to efficient use of information by generating new data, models, maps and monitoring efforts that will help inform future planning projects. Because the City is a regional front-runner in the LCP update process, the City has the ability to provide \$70,000 in matching funds from its General Plan Update Fee and expects to contribute another \$82,000 additional in-kind staff time. Lastly, having a current certified LCP will allow Arcata to share their lessons learned with upcoming LCP updates, such as the City of Eureka and Humboldt County.

There is a range of planning work already being undertaken that will help further the LCP Update effort. The City has received comments and suggestions regarding the LCP from Coastal Commission Staff, and is prepared to update their program based on the Coastal Commission's update guides for the LCP and addressing sea level rise. Also, Arcata's Environmental Services Department applied for an \$86,000 grant through the Coastal Conservancy to fund design of a fringe salt marsh buffer system, quantify marsh carbon sequestration, and investigate utility of "rolling easements" on private land adjacent to City owned resource lands that are available for wetland migration. Their grant ranked second by the Conservancy grant selection committee and will likely receive funding. The efforts of the Environmental Services Department will help to implement the LCP sea-level rise policies for critical facilities. Arcata also has a Climate Change Adaptation Plan and a Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan, which the LCP will build upon.

2. **A WORK PROGRAM AND SCHEDULE.** Provide a work program and schedule for implementation of the project, including anticipated benchmarks for LCP and or LCP amendment development and review for the project, using the template provided below. Bear in mind that funds will not be available until early spring 2014 and some work tasks must be scheduled to begin on or before April 30, 2014. Grantees will have two years to complete tasks, and work must be completed on or before April 30, 2016.

SCHEDULE

Proposed starting date: February 1, 2014

Estimated completion: October 27, 2015

WORK PROGRAM

	Complete Date: October 27, 2015
<i>Phase 1: Kickoff, Background Studies, and Local Coastal Program Framework</i>	
Task 1: Kickoff Meetings, Literature Review, Sea Level Rise (SLR) Mapping & Preliminary Risk Assessment	
<u>Objective/Organization:</u> Solicit input and feedback on overall LCP goals and process. Gather background information and identify risks to inform SLR policy development and use in SLR Scenarios Report	
1.1 Overall Project and Phase 1 Kickoff Consultation with Coastal Commission & Arcata City Staff	
1.2 Literature Review	
1.3 Determine Range of SLR Projections; Mapping at 2030, 2050, and 2100	
1.4 Identify Potential SLR Impacts (Critical Facilities, Natural Resources, Existing Development, Planned Development)	
1.5 Assess Risks to Coastal Resources and Development; Identify Problem Areas	
1.6 Consult with Coastal Commission Staff on Results of Tasks 1.2-1.4	
<u>Outcome/Deliverables:</u> Report containing focus areas, and process/policy directives from kickoff meetings. SLR Mapping and Risk Assessment. <i>Partially achieves Goal 1</i>	April 4, 2014
Task 2: Adaptation Measures, LCP Policy Options, Prepare SLR Scenarios Report	
<u>Objective/Organization:</u> Identify range of adaptation measures and policy options; draft SLR Scenarios Report based on State's SLR Guidelines	
2.1 Planning and Locating New Development	
2.2 Hazards and Shoreline Development	
2.3 Public Access and Recreation	
2.4 Coastal Habitats	
2.5 Agricultural and Paleontological Resources	
2.6 Water Quality	

2.7 Scenic Resources	
2.8 Energy, Industrial, and other Coastal Development Uses	
2.9 Prepare SLR Scenarios Report	
<u>Outcome/Deliverables</u> : SLR Scenarios Report. <i>Completes achievement of Goal 1</i>	June 20, 2014
Task 3: Update and Expand Existing Conditions Report	
<u>Objective/Organization</u> : Characterize existing physical, regulatory, and jurisdictional conditions and constraints throughout the City's Coastal zone	
3.1 Site Visits and Information Gathering in Coastal Zone	
3.2 Expand and Update Existing Conditions Report	
<u>Outcome/Deliverables</u> : Updated Existing Conditions Report. <i>Achieves Goal 2, Objective 2; partially achieves Goal 2</i>	April 11, 2014
Task 4: Prepare Coastal Land Use Plan Framework Document	
<u>Objective/Organization</u> : Using the Coastal Commission Guidelines for updating Local Coastal Programs and the results of prior reviews by Coastal Commission Staff, Prepare framework for Local Coastal Program	
4.1 Section 1: Public Access	
4.2 Section 2: Recreation and Visitor Serving Facilities	
4.3 Section 3: Water Quality Protection	
4.4 Section 4: Environmentally Sensitive Habitats & Other Natural Resources	
4.5 Section 5: Agricultural Resources	
4.6 Section 6: Planning and Locating New Development	
4.7 Section 7: Scenic & Visual Resources	
4.8 Section 8: Coastal Hazards	
4.9 Section 9: Shoreline Erosion & Protective Devices	
4.10 Section 10: Energy & Industrial Development	
4.11 Section 11: Archaeological/Cultural Resources	
4.12 Prepare Coastal Land Use Plan Framework	
<u>Outcome/Deliverables</u> : Coastal Land Use Plan Framework. <i>Partially achieves Goal 2 and Goal 2 Objective 3</i>	May 9, 2014
Task 5: Prepare Coastal Implementation Plan Framework	
<u>Objective/Organization</u> : Using the Coastal Commission Guidelines for updating Local Coastal Programs and the results of prior reviews by Coastal Commission Staff, Prepare Implementation Guide Framework	
5.1 Section 1: Local Coastal Permit Requirements	
5.2 Section 2: Local Coastal Permitting Procedures	
5.3 Section 3: Local Responsibilities in the Appeal Process	
5.4 Prepare Coastal Implementation Plan Framework	
<u>Outcome/Deliverables</u> : Coastal Implementation Plan Framework. <i>Partially achieves Goal 2 and Goal 2 Objective 3</i>	May 9, 2014
Task 6: Agency Consultation	
<u>Objective/Organization</u> : Consult with local agencies to establish concurrence on background reports and LCP framework	

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6.1 Consultation with Coastal Commission Staff: Review Background Reports and LCP Framework	
6.2 Planning Commission Study Session: Review Background Reports and LCP Framework	
<u>Outcome/Deliverable</u> : Concurrence. <i>Achieves Commission buy-in for Goals 1 & 2</i>	July 22, 2014
<i>Phase 2: Public Outreach and Preparation of Local Coastal Program</i>	
Task 7: Public Workshops and Kickoff Meeting	
<u>Objective/Organization</u> : Gather Coastal Commission and Public Input for Local Coastal Program	
7.1 Phase 2 Kickoff Consultation with Coastal Commission and Arcata Staff	
7.2 Schedule, Advertise, and Prepare Materials for Public Workshops	
7.3 Public Workshop No. 1 – Arcata’s Coastal Vision	September 11, 2014
7.4 Public Workshop No. 2 – Focus on Bayside and Alliance/Spear Neighborhoods and Coastal Agriculture	September 19, 2014
7.5 Public Workshop No. 3 – Focus on Samoa Boulevard, Marsh, and WWTP	September 26, 2014
7.6 Public Workshop No. 4 – Focus on Vacant and Underutilized Land	October 3, 2014
7.7 Public Workshop No. 5 – All Areas: Themes and Alternatives from Workshops 1-4	October 10, 2014
<u>Outcome/Deliverable</u> : Meeting minutes from public workshops & public input on LCP policies. <i>Achieves Goal 2 Objective 4 and partially achieves Goal 3</i>	October 30, 2014
Task 8: Prepare Local Coastal Program Update	
<u>Objective/Organization</u> : Incorporate policies from SLR Scenarios Report and public outreach into Framework Plans and draft complete Local Coastal Program	
8.1 Incorporate Sea Level Rise Policies into each Section of Coastal Land Use Plan	
8.2 Draft New Policies Responsive to Public Outreach	
8.3 Modify Coastal Implementation Policies to Respond to SLR and Public Input if Necessary	
8.4 Prepare Coastal Implementation Program (Land Use Plan and Implementation Plan)	
8.5 Consult with Coastal Commission Staff Regarding the Local Coastal Program	
<u>Outcome/Deliverable</u> : Complete Draft Local Coastal Program. <i>Achieves Goal 4 Objectives 1-2</i>	February 16, 2015
<i>Phase 3: Agency Review and Plan Approval</i>	
Task 9: Agency Review of Draft Local Coastal Program	
<u>Objective/Organization</u> : solicit input and foster support from agencies affected by LCP	

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9.1 Circulate Draft LCP to Affected Agencies (if necessary)	
9.2 Respond to Comments and Modify LCP per Affected Agency Comments	
<u>Outcome/Deliverable</u> : Revised LCP accommodating agencies' input. <i>Achieves Goal 4 Objective 3</i>	April 6, 2015
Task 10: City of Arcata Review Process	
<u>Objective/Organization</u> : Hold hearings to generate final draft of LCP	
10.1 Schedule, Advertise, and Prepare for Public Hearings	
10.2 First Planning Commission Hearing on LCP	
10.3 Second Planning Commission Hearing on LCP	
10.4 Third Planning Commission Hearing on LCP	
10.5 First City Council Hearing on LCP	
10.6 Second City Council Hearing on LCP	
10.7 11.1 Revise LCP per Hearing and Prepare Application to Coastal Commission	
<u>Outcome/Deliverable</u> : Final Draft LCP. <i>Achieves Goal 4 Objectives 4-5</i>	May 18, 2015
Task 11: Coastal Commission Review Process	
<u>Objective/Organization</u> : Gain Coastal Commission certification for Local Coastal Program	
11.1 Coastal Commission Staff Review Process	
11.2 Set and Advertise Coastal Commission Public Hearing	
11.3 Coastal Commission Hearing	
11.4 Revise per Coastal Commission Hearing for certification	
<u>Outcome/Deliverable</u> : Certified LCP Update. <i>Achieves Goal 4 Objective 6 and completes Achievement of Goal 4</i>	October 27, 2015
Please Refer to the attached flowchart for depiction of work program	

Please list (1) all significant and pertinent project benchmarks related to the project for which funds are being requested, (2) expected dates for reaching or completing those steps. These will be used in monitoring grant progress and in grant reporting under approved contracts.

BENCHMARK SCHEDULE

ACTIVITY	COMPLETION DATE
Determine effects of range of scenarios sea level rise will have on Arcata's Coastal Zone (Deliverable: Sea Level Rise Scenarios Report)	June 20, 2014
Develop LCP background and framework (Deliverables: Existing Conditions Report, SLR Scenarios Report, LCP Framework document)	January 30, 2015
Develop a robust outreach program in order to foster buy-in and solicit input from public (Deliverable: meeting minutes and public input)	January 30, 2015
Gain certification of Local Coastal Program Update; project completion	October 27, 2015

- 3. A BUDGET.** Please provide a proposed budget, including the Application Budget Information and a Budget Summary, using the provided Application Budget Form.

APPLICATION BUDGET INFORMATION

Funding Request: \$57,000 Total Project Cost: \$209,000

If multiple funding sources are being used, in the funding sources matrix below, list the major tasks of the proposed project and indicate the estimated cost of each, including source of funding for task. These tasks should correlate with your overall Work Program. An example follows the matrix.

PROJECT FUNDING SOURCES

Task Number	Task	Total Cost	Allocation of total cost among all funding sources		
			Applicant's funding (General Plan Update Fee)	LCP Grant Funding	Other Funds (Define Below) Arcata In-Kind Staff Time
PHASE 1: Kickoff, Background Studies, and Local Coastal Program Framework					
TASK 1	Kickoff Meetings, Literature Review, Sea Level Rise (SLR) Mapping & Preliminary Risk Assessment	\$15,000	\$4,500	\$10,500	
TASK 2	Adaptation Measures, LCP Policy Options, Prepare SLR Scenarios Report	\$19,500	\$5,500	\$14,000	
TASK 3	Update and Expand Existing Conditions	\$17,500	\$17,500		

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	Report				
TASK 4	Prepare Coastal Land Use Plan Framework Document	\$55,000		\$1,000	\$54,000
TASK 5	Prepare Coastal Implementation Plan Framework	\$15,000		\$1,000	\$14,000
TASK 6	Agency Consultation	\$4,000		\$2,000	\$2,000
PHASE 2: Public Outreach and preparation of Local Coastal Program					
TASK 7	Public Workshops and Kickoff Meetings	\$26,000	\$13,000	\$13,000	
TASK 8	Prepare Local Coastal Program Update	\$25,000	\$16,500	\$8,500	
PHASE 3: Agency Review and Plan Approval					
TASK 9	Agency Review of Draft Local Coastal Program	\$4,000	\$4,000		
TASK 10	City of Arcata Review Process	\$14,000	\$7,000	\$7,000	
TASK 11	Coastal Commission Review Process	\$14,000	\$14,000		
TOTAL		\$209,000	\$82,000	\$57,000	\$70,000

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OTHER FUNDING SOURCES (NOT INCLUDING IN-KIND SERVICES)

\$ Amount	Source of funds	Status (Committed, Applied, etc)
\$82,000	City of Arcata General Plan Update Fee. The City of Arcata collects a General Fund Update Fee with the issuance of building permits within the City. Those funds are intended to periodically update the Arcata General Plan and related documents. On November 20, 2013, the Arcata City Council committed \$82,000 from these funds toward the “completion of the Samoa Specific Plan geographic update of the Local Coastal Plan.” The Samoa Specific Plan will focus on vacant and underutilized commercial and industrial land along Samoa Boulevard (in the Coastal Zone). As the currently proposed LCP update is necessary for the successful completion of the Specific Plan, the allocated funds will be used to supplement in-kind staff contributions to the project.	Funding Approved by City Council on November 20, 2013.

In-kind Services: \$396,000

In-kind services or contributions include staff time, volunteer time and materials contributed to the project. Please describe and estimate value, and differentiate between expected in-kind contributions and contributions (work or other types of contributions) already obtained/completed.

Source of Services	Type of Service Provided	Explanation	Timing of Contribution	
			(Expected or Already Obtained/Completed)	Value of In-Kind Goods and Services
City of Arcata	City of Arcata Staff Time	City of Arcata Staff will be assigned to carry out substantial portions of the LCP Update process as described in the Project Funding Sources Table. Affected staff will include the Director of Community Development, the Director of Environmental Services, two Senior Planners and the Environmental Projects Manager.	Expected (See Project Funding Sources)	\$70,000

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City of Arcata	Samoa Boulevard Existing Conditions Report	The City of Arcata has recently funded the preparation of an Existing Conditions Report for the developed and developable properties along Samoa Boulevard generally from SH 101 west to the city boundary. That report addresses the majority of the developed and developable areas of the Coastal Zone within the City of Arcata. The Samoa Boulevard Existing Conditions Report will provide a foundation for the Coastal Zone Existing Conditions Report to be prepared for use in the Public Workshops and in developing policy.	Already Completed	\$40,000
City of Arcata	Prior Local Coastal Program Submittal (Prepared by City of Arcata and Reviewed by Coastal Commission Staff)	In 2011, the City of Arcata submitted a Local Coastal Program Amendment Application to the Coastal Commission. The prior application, along with Staff's comments and related documentation will be used to form the Framework of the proposed Local Coastal Program Update. That Framework will be amended as described in the work plan to add policies to address Sea Level Rise and to respond to community input.	Already Completed	\$200,000
City of Arcata	Arcata Bay Adaptation Measures Report	The City of Arcata has submitted an application to the Coastal Conservancy for a Climate Ready Grant to develop Arcata Bay Sea Level Rise Adaptation measures. The focus of the program is to explore options such as restoration of saltwater and freshwater marshes to mitigate peak tide effects as sea level rises. The program will also address protection of the Arcata WWTP as a critical facility.	Funding Requested/Expected	86,000

BUDGET SUMMARY

Grant Application Budget Form

Organization Name: City of Arcata
 Project Title: Local Coastal Program Update
 Requested Amount: \$ 57,000

	Grant Request Budget	Total Project Budget (if different)
Personnel:		
Salaries and Wages ⁽¹⁾	<u>0</u>	<u>\$112,420</u>
Benefits ⁽²⁾	<u>0</u>	<u>\$36,280</u>
<i>Total Personnel</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>\$148,700</u>
Operating Expenses		
Postage/Shipping	<u>0</u>	<u>See "Noticing"</u>
Supplies/Materials ⁽³⁾	<u>0</u>	<u>See "Noticing"</u>
Travel ⁽⁴⁾	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Indirect Costs ⁽⁵⁾	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Other:		
Professional Services	<u>\$57,000</u>	<u>\$57,000</u>
Noticing	<u></u>	<u>\$3,300</u>
<i>Total Operating Expenses</i>	<u>\$57,000</u>	<u>\$3,300</u>
Total Budget	<u>\$57,000</u>	<u>\$209,000</u>

⁽¹⁾ Attach an explanation of rate(s) and hours for each position for which funds are being requested.

⁽²⁾ Amount requested for benefits not to exceed 40% of amount requested for salary or wage.

⁽³⁾ Include a list of the major supplies and materials and how much they cost.

⁽⁴⁾ Travel reimbursement rates are the same as similarly situated state employees.

⁽⁵⁾ Indirect costs include, for example, a pro rata share of rent, utilities, and salaries for certain positions indirectly supporting the proposed project but not directly staffing it. Amount requested for indirect costs should be capped at 10% of amount requested for "Total Personnel."

4. **A RESOLUTION FROM THE APPLICANT'S GOVERNING BODY.** Please submit a resolution containing that contains the following authorizations: 1) authority to submit the proposal, 2) authority to enter into a contract with the California Coastal Commission if the grant is awarded, and 3) designation of the applicant's authorized representative (name and title). A sample resolution is provided as Attachment A.

SUBMISSION DATES

Applications are due November 22, 2013. Application packets must be RECEIVED by 5pm November 22, 2013. Proposals must be emailed or mailed; faxed responses will not be considered.

If the governing body of an applicant cannot adopt a resolution similar to Attachment A of the application by this date, the applicant can submit the proposal with a draft resolution, provide a date for when the governing body will consider adoption of the resolution and **submit the adopted resolution by 5pm December 19, 2013**. All other materials must be submitted by the November 22, 2013 deadline. Applications will not be deemed complete until an adopted resolution is received. **Applications that do not contain a final, adopted resolution by December 19, 2013 will not be considered for funding.**

The Commission is expected to award grants in early 2014.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Please submit the completed application form, including all attachments, via email to Hilary Papendick, Statewide LCP Grant Coordinator, at LCPGrantProgram@coastal.ca.gov. Please submit all application materials as **a single PDF file AND submit the Project Description, Work Program, Budget, and Schedule as a Word document.** See Attachment B for a checklist of required application materials.

If you are unable to submit via email, you may mail a CD and hard copy to the Coastal Commission:

Hilary Papendick
Statewide LCP Grant Coordinator
California Coastal Commission
45 Fremont Street, Suite 2000
San Francisco, CA 94105
415-904-5294

Please note: all information that you submit is subject to the unqualified and unconditional right of the Coastal Commission to use, reproduce, publish, or display, free of charge. All documents

submitted will be considered a public record upon submittal. Please indicate if credit is requested for any of the photos and/or maps.

QUESTIONS

Coastal Commission staff are pleased to assist local governments during preparation of LCP grant applications. Please send questions on the grant application process to **Hilary Papendick, Statewide LCP Grant Coordinator, via email at LCPGrantProgram@coastal.ca.gov, (415) 904-5294**. A frequently asked questions document will be posted to the Coastal Commission website. Questions regarding the LCP process and update approach should be directed to the relevant Coastal Commission district contact person, via phone or email. LCP Grant contacts for the district offices are listed below.

LCP GRANT DISTRICT CONTACT INFORMATION

North Coast (Del Norte, Humboldt, Mendocino Counties)

- Alison Dettmer, Deputy Director
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- Bob Merrill, District Manager
Email: Bob.Merrill@coastal.ca.gov, Phone: (707) 826-8950

North Central Coast (Sonoma, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo Counties)

- Dan Carl, Deputy Director
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- Madeline Cavalieri, District Manager
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- John (Jack) Ainsworth, Senior Deputy Director
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- Steve Hudson, District Manager
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South Coast (Los Angeles (except Malibu) and Orange Counties)

- John (Jack) Ainsworth, Senior Deputy Director
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- Sherilyn Sarb, Deputy Director
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- Teresa Henry, District Manager
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San Diego (San Diego County)

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- Deborah Lee, District Manager
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ALTERNATE CONTACT

Liz Fuchs, Manager, Statewide Planning (Available after September 20th)
Email: Elizabeth.Fuchs@coastal.ca.gov, Phone: (415) 904-5287

RESOLUTION NO. 134-26

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARCATA APPROVING
THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE CALIFORNIA COASTAL
COMMISSION FOR THE LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM SEA LEVEL RISE
ADAPTATION GRANT PROGRAM AND A LOCAL MATCH OF FUNDS**

WHEREAS, the Budget Act of 2013 provides an appropriation of \$1 million for Coastal Commission grants in FY 13-14 to local governments to support Local Coastal Program (LCP) planning, and

WHEREAS, the California Coastal Commission, under the authority of the California Coastal Act, may provide financial assistance to support coastal planning and has approved a competitive grant program to provide such financial assistance for LCP planning; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the grant program is to develop new or updated LCPs in conformance with the California Coastal Act and to reflect current circumstances and new scientific information that address sea-level rise and other climate change impacts, and

WHEREAS, the proposed use of the grant funds is to achieve certification of the City's LCP, encompassing all of the Coastal zone within the City's jurisdiction, including special emphasis on the effects of climate change and sea-level rise;

WHEREAS, the City of Arcata, has an effectively certified LCP; and

WHEREAS, the City of Arcata, recognizing the inherent challenges associated with the climate change impacts identified in its application package, desires to pursue a project that would result in the completion and submittal for certification by the California Coastal Commission of an Amendment to update the LCP in whole, that would address such impacts; and

WHEREAS, the City of Arcata commits and agrees fully to support a planning effort intended to update a certified LCP pursuant to the provisions of the California Coastal Act, with full public participation and coordination with the Coastal Commission staff, and to get Coastal Commission Certification within two years.

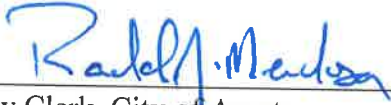
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council, of the City of Arcata, hereby:

1. Directs City of Arcata staff to submit the grant application package referenced herein for the amount of \$57,000 to the California Coastal Commission to provide financial and planning assistance, under the authority of the California Coastal Act.
2. Commits \$70,000 in-kind staff time to complete the overall City Local Coastal Plan update and an additional \$82,000 towards the completion of the Samoa Specific Plan geographic update of the Local Coastal Plan.
3. Authorizes the City Manager or his designee, of the City of Arcata, to execute, in the name of the City of Arcata, all necessary applications, contracts and agreements and amendments required to implement and carry out the grant application package and any project approved through approval of the grant application.

DATED: November 20, 2013

ATTEST:

APPROVED:



City Clerk, City of Arcata



Mayor, City of Arcata

CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of **Resolution No. 134-26** passed and adopted at a special meeting of the City Council of the City of Arcata, County of Humboldt, State of California, held on the 20th day of November, 2013, by the following vote:

AYES: BRINTON, WHEETLEY, ORNELAS, STILLMAN, WINKLER

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTENTIONS: NONE



City Clerk, City of Arcata

JARED HUFFMAN
2ND DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA

COMMITTEE ON
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COMMITTEE ON BUDGET

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House of Representatives
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November 12, 2013

Hilary Papendick, Statewide LCP Grant Coordinator
California Coastal Commission
45 Fremont Street, Suite 200
San Francisco, CA 94105

Dear Ms. Papendick:

I am writing in strong support of the City of Arcata's application for funding through the Coastal Commission's LCP Planning Grant Program which would assist in updating its Local Coastal Plan (LCP). The city is currently operating under its certified 1989 LCP, and a modernized planning document is needed.

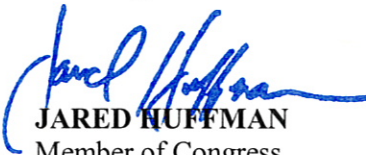
This update will consider current data gathered from the Humboldt Bay Sea Level Rise Adaptation Strategy produced by the city in collaboration with the Humboldt Bay Initiative.

The city's efforts to update its LCP would provide long-term planning strategies for areas susceptible to rising sea levels, storm surges, and floods. Redevelopment permitting processes for vacant and underutilized industrial properties would be streamlined, benefitting the community with cleanliness, job creation, and economic stimulation. Regional and ecosystem-based land use will be encouraged and serve as a model for other local land use authorities as they update their own LCPs. Efficiency of planning and permitting would increase as a result of this collaboration between agencies and professions.

The LCP is the basis for implementing smart-growth strategies within the coastal zone. California jurisdictions must be comprehensive in updating their LCPs to protect coastal resources and citizens that face the effects of climate change.

I urge your full and fair consideration of the City of Arcata's application for LCP planning funds.

Sincerely,


JARED HUFFMAN
Member of Congress

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November 4, 2013

California Coastal Commission

Attn: Hilary Papendick
Statewide LCP Grant Coordinator
45 Fremont Street, Suite 2000
San Francisco, CA 94105

Dear Ms. Papendick:

I am writing to express my support for the application submitted by the City of Arcata to the California Coastal Commission's LCP Planning Grant Program.

The City of Arcata has been an active participant in the Humboldt Bay Initiative over the last several years and has been a partner in many projects that benefit the entire Humboldt Bay region. I am happy to lend the Harbor District's support to the City's pursuit of funding for the completion of its comprehensive LCP update. The City is in a unique position to complete its LCP update and create standards and policies that can be meaningful throughout the Humboldt Bay region. The Update will create a streamlined permit process to allow for the redevelopment of the vacant and underutilized lands around the bay. These efforts, in turn, will increase the economic vitality of Humboldt Bay's harbor and other facilities.

The amount requested through your agency's grant program will directly support the Coastal Commission's mandates for smart planning, coastal access and resource protection. The LCP update will incorporate emerging science, including the results of the recently released Humboldt Bay Shoreline Inventory, Mapping and Sea Level Rise Vulnerability Assessment (Laird, 2013) and the forthcoming Humboldt Bay Sea Level Rise Adaptation Plan which the Harbor District has been stewarding for the past several years.

The District is also supportive of the City's desire to streamline its permitting processes in an effort to assist with the redevelopment of several of the vacant and underutilized industrial sites along the shores of northern Humboldt Bay. These activities will, in turn, provide sustainable jobs and clean up the environment, both of which are important to the District.

I thank you in advance for your consideration of this application. Should you or your staff have questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact me at 707.443.0801.

Sincerely,

Jack Crider
Chief Executive Officer

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November 13, 2013

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Attn: Hilary Papendick
Statewide LCP Grant Coordinator
45 Fremont Street, Suite 2000
San Francisco, CA 94105

RE: City of Arcata – Local Coastal Plan Update grant application

Dear Ms. Papendick:

I am writing to express my support for the City of Arcata's application for funding under the California Coastal Commission's LCP Planning Grant Program.

The City of Arcata has begun a comprehensive Local Coastal Program update, but because of the demise of its Redevelopment Agency, the funding earmarked to complete the update is no longer available, and therefore, the City must seek alternative funding sources. The Arcata City Council has already reallocated monies from several other City programs to assist with this undertaking, but additional support is needed to complete this important planning document.

The funds requested from the LCP grant program will be matched by several other sources and will directly support the Coastal Commission's mandates of smart planning in the City's many square miles of Coastal zone. The LCP update will incorporate emerging science toward new state of the art Sea Level Rise strategies and a streamlined permitting process to assist with the redevelopment of several of the vacant and underutilized industrial sites surrounding Humboldt Bay. These activities will, in turn, provide sustainable jobs and clean up the environment, both of which are important to me and to the future of California.

I thank you in advance for your consideration of this application. Should you or your staff have questions regarding my support for this project, please feel free to contact my Field Representative, Zuretti Goosby, at 707- 445-6508.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Noreen Evans".

Noreen Evans
Senator, 2nd District

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CITY OF ARCATA

cc: Attn: Alyson Hunter, City of Arcata Community Development Dept.

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November 13, 2013

California Coastal Commission
Hilary Papendick, Statewide LCP Grant Coordinator
45 Fremont Street, Suite 2000
San Francisco, CA 94105

RE: Support for City of Arcata's application to LCP Planning Grant Program

Dear Ms. Papendick:

I am writing in support of the City of Arcata's application for funding through the California Coastal Commission's LCP Planning Grant Program to assist in the completion of the City's Local Coastal Plan (LCP) update.


Currently, the City is regulating development within its Coastal zone under its certified 1989 LCP. This document has outlived its relevance in light of all the new science surrounding Sea Level Rise (SLR) and Climate Change. The City has approximately 5 miles of direct or indirect bay frontage and many more acres of lands within its jurisdiction that consist of low-lying, diked, former tidelands, and lands prone to flooding. The City's world-renown wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) is located within this fragile area as are many acres of City-owned wetlands, treatment ponds associated with the WWTP and miles of public access trails.

I wholeheartedly support the City's efforts to provide a streamlined permitting strategy for the redevelopment of vacant and underutilized former industrial properties north and south of State Highway 255 (Samoa Boulevard). Additionally, this project would provide a basis from which other land use authorities in the region can develop their own LCP updates, SLR adaptation strategies and Climate Change plans.

I urge you to fund this vital endeavor not only for the City of Arcata, but for the benefit of the entire Humboldt Bay region.

Thank you for your consideration of this most worthwhile project. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Respectfully,


WESLEY CHESBRO
Assemblyman, 2nd District

WC:sp

Cc: Mayor Shane Brinton, City of Arcata
Larry Oetker, Community Development Director, City of Arcata
Alyson Hunter, Senior Planner, City of Arcata



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November 20, 2013

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California Coastal Commission

Attn: Hilary Papendick
Statewide LCP Grant Coordinator
45 Fremont Street, Suite 2000
San Francisco, CA 94105

**RE: Support for the City of Arcata's Application to the Coastal
Commission's Local Coastal Program Update Grant Program.**

Dear Ms. Papendick:

On behalf of the Redwood Empire Division of the League of California Cities, we wish to strongly express our support for the Coastal Commission's efforts to place a priority on the content and process for preparing and certifying Local Coastal Programs (LCP). We further express our support of the City of Arcata's application for funding through the Commission's current LCP Planning Grant Program. The City has been working for the past several years on the update of its 1989 certified LCP and has made progress, but that progress was cut short by the Governor's eradication of the State's Redevelopment Agencies and the funding that they provided for such programs.

The City was an active participant in the development of the League's Coastal Cities Issues Group 2011-2012 Work Program wherein strides to streamline the LCP update process were made in concert with the Coastal Commission and its Staff. The City has proven over the years a dedication to the protection and enhancement of Coastal resources and access and has been a leader Statewide in wastewater treatment, wetlands enhancement, trail building and Coastal recreational opportunities.

Arcata has also been a valued participant in the Humboldt Bay-wide Sea Level Rise Adaptation program wherein localized sea level rise (SLR) data, including vulnerability and retreat information, has been developed for use at the regional level. This grant opportunity will assist the City in implementing the findings of all of the existing and still-emerging SLR data through its LCP update.

The following are a few of the key elements of the update:

- It will utilize emerging local Humboldt Bay-specific sea level rise data currently being developed by the Humboldt Bay Initiative, a collaboration of scientific professionals charged with preparing the Humboldt Bay Sea Level Rise Adaptation Plan. This will benefit the community by providing long-term planning strategies for areas susceptible to SLR, flooding and storm surge event
- It will provide a streamlined permitting strategy for the redevelopment of vacant and underutilized former industrial properties north and south of State Highway 255 (Samoa Boulevard). This will benefit the community through economic development, job creation and the cleanup of former industrial sites.

- It will provide a basis from which other land use authorities in the region can develop their own LCP updates, SLR adaptation strategies and Climate Change plans. New momentum around regional planning has led to a more ecosystem-based strategy and collaboration between professionals to create a more robust, efficient and effective planning and permitting environment.

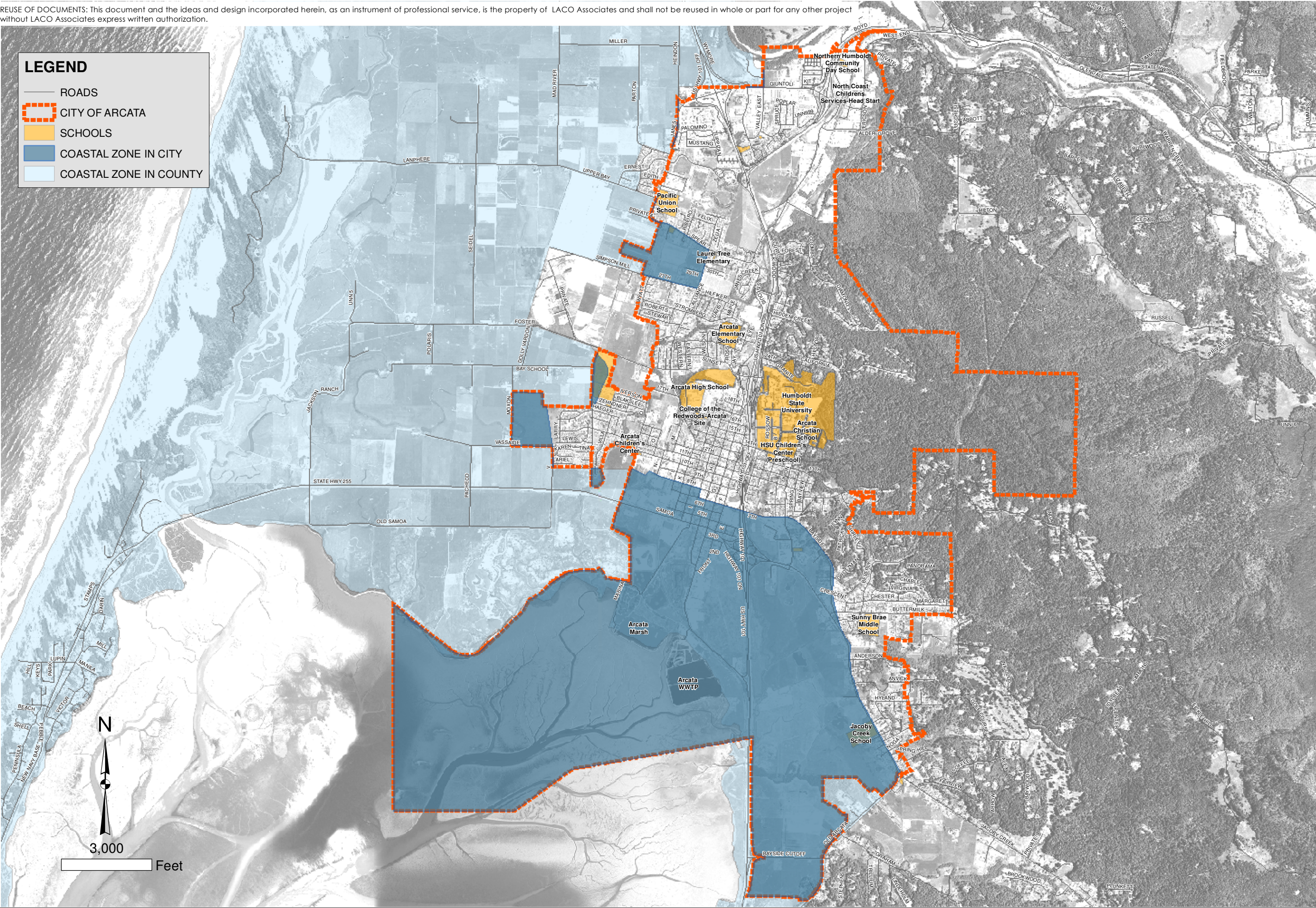
Please consider the City's application for grant funding so that it can continue to be a leader in the region through the completion of its LCP and Implementation Plan. The League supports the City's ongoing work in providing sound land use policies that protect and enhance the State's Coastal resources while providing access and recreational opportunities for its citizens and visitors alike.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kathryn Murray". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kathryn" and last name "Murray" clearly distinguishable.

Kathryn Murray
President, Redwood Empire Division
Council Member, City of Crescent City

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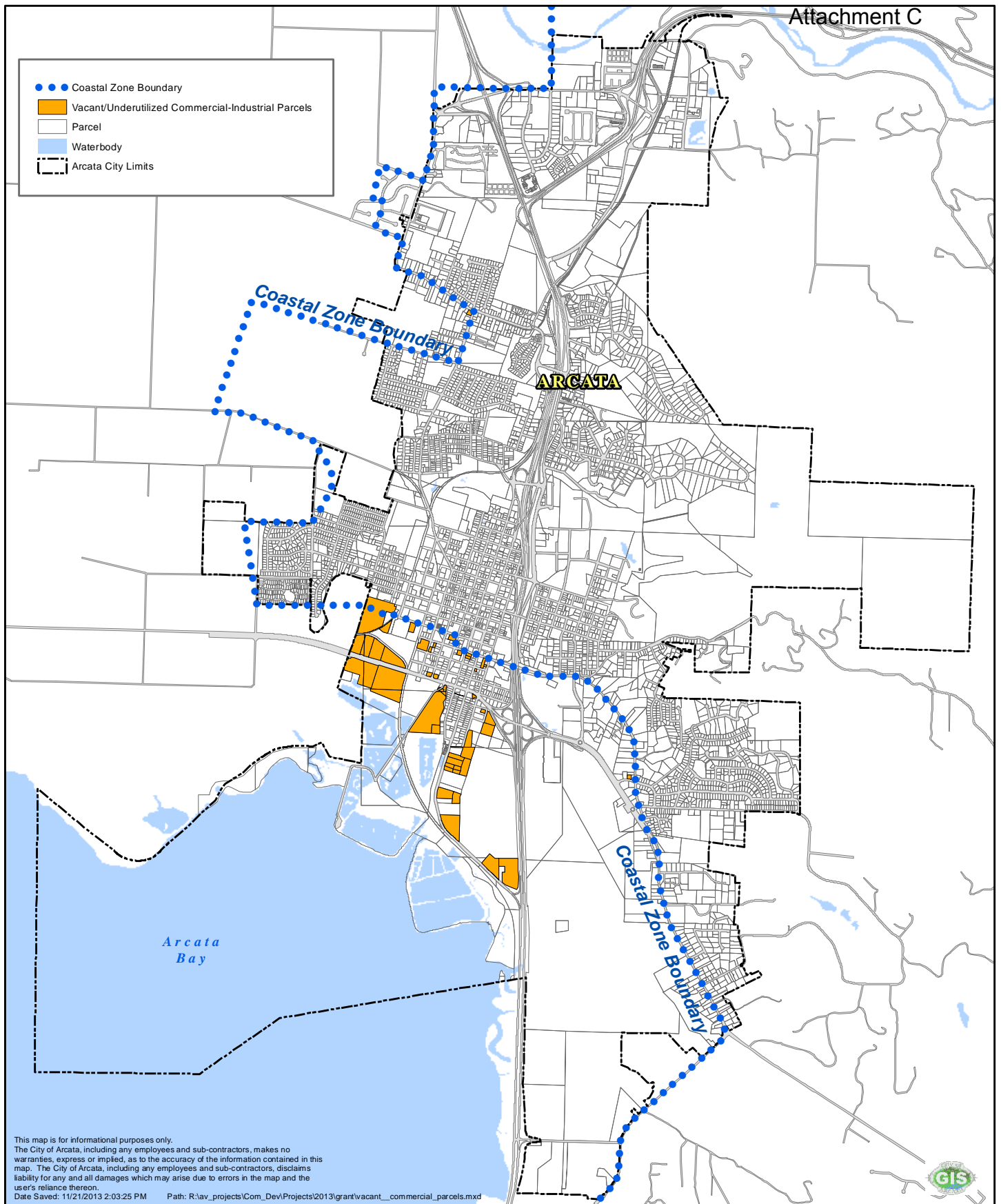
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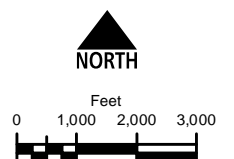
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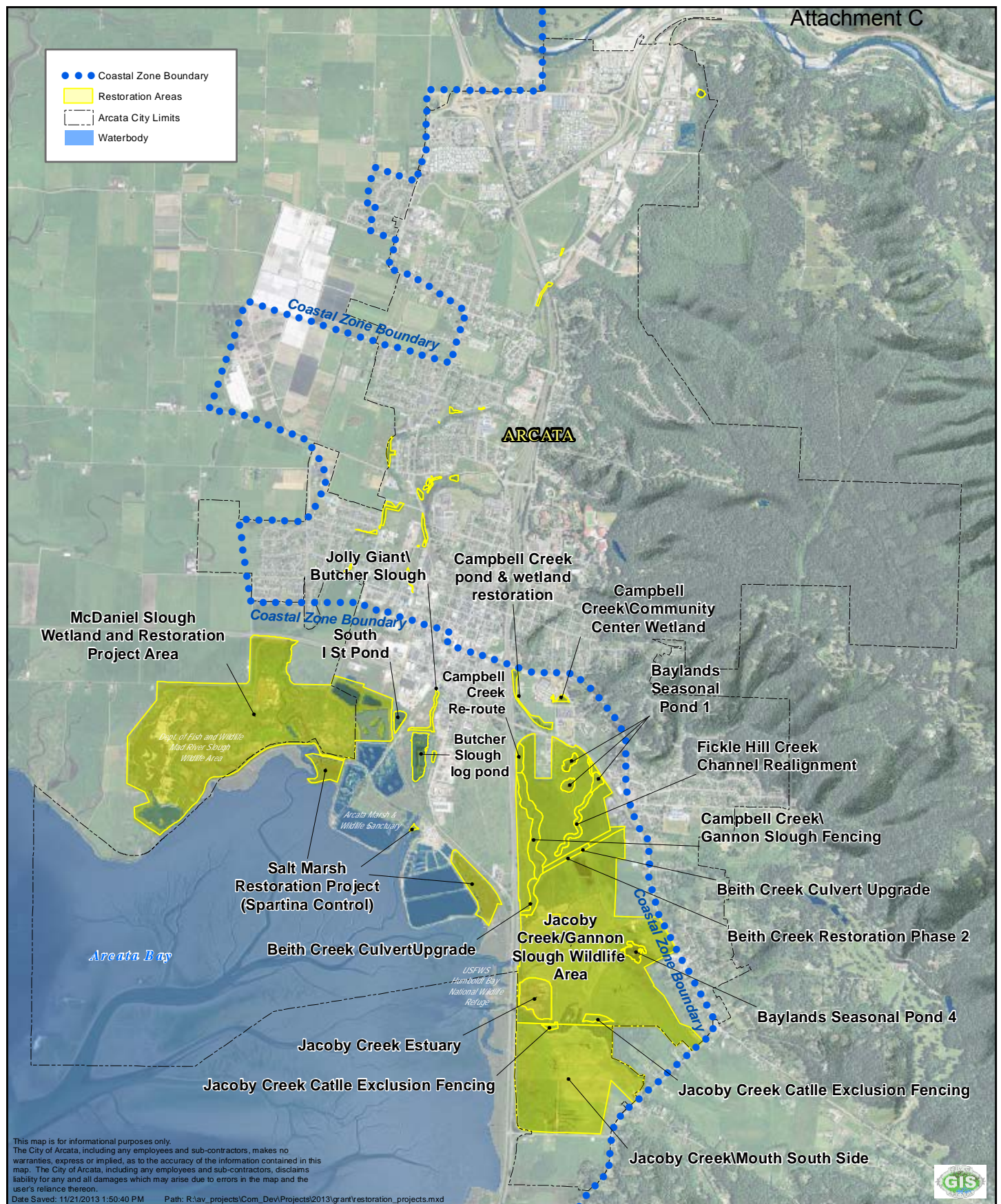
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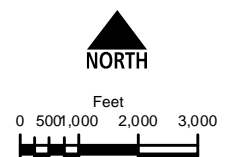
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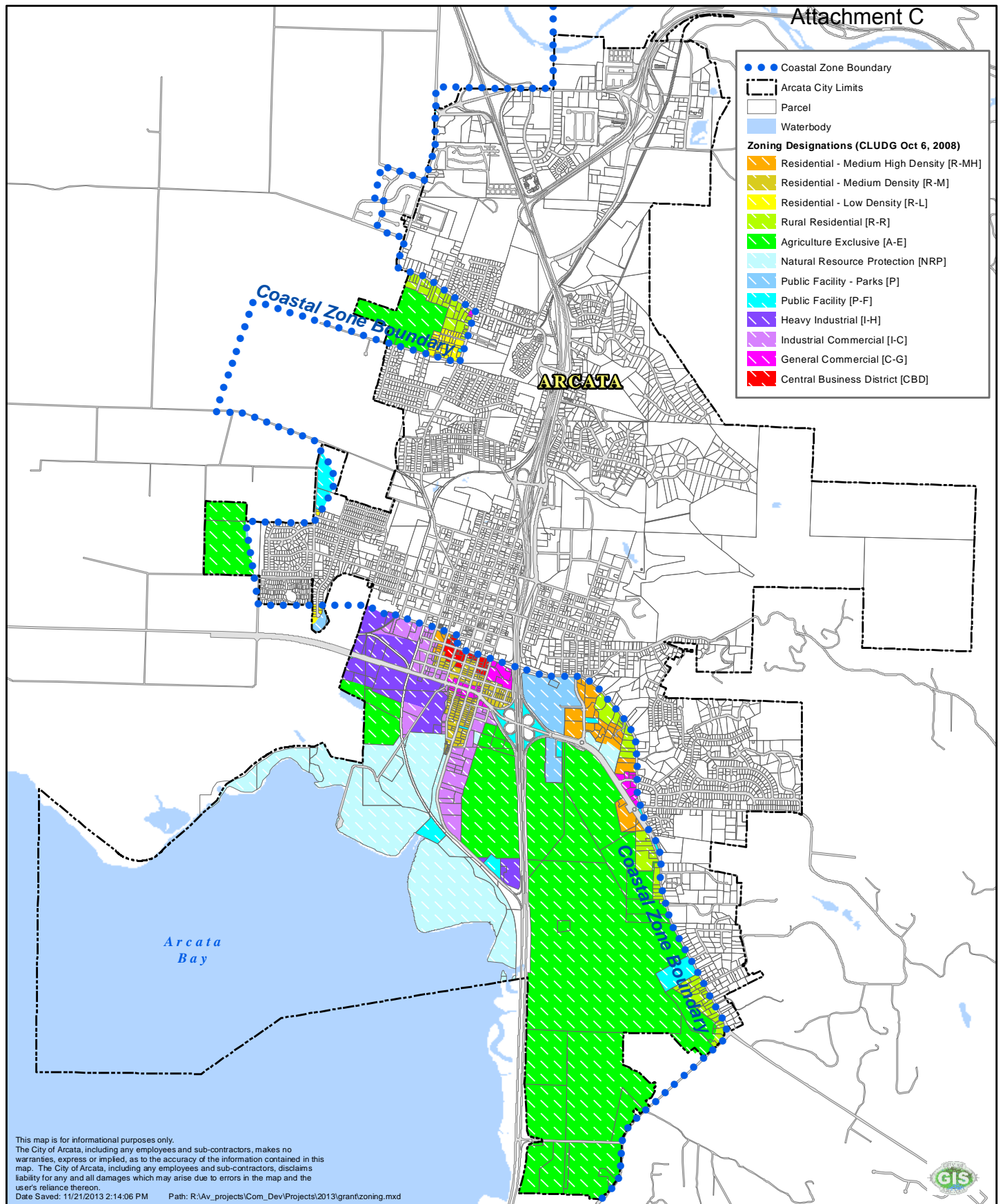




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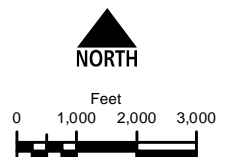




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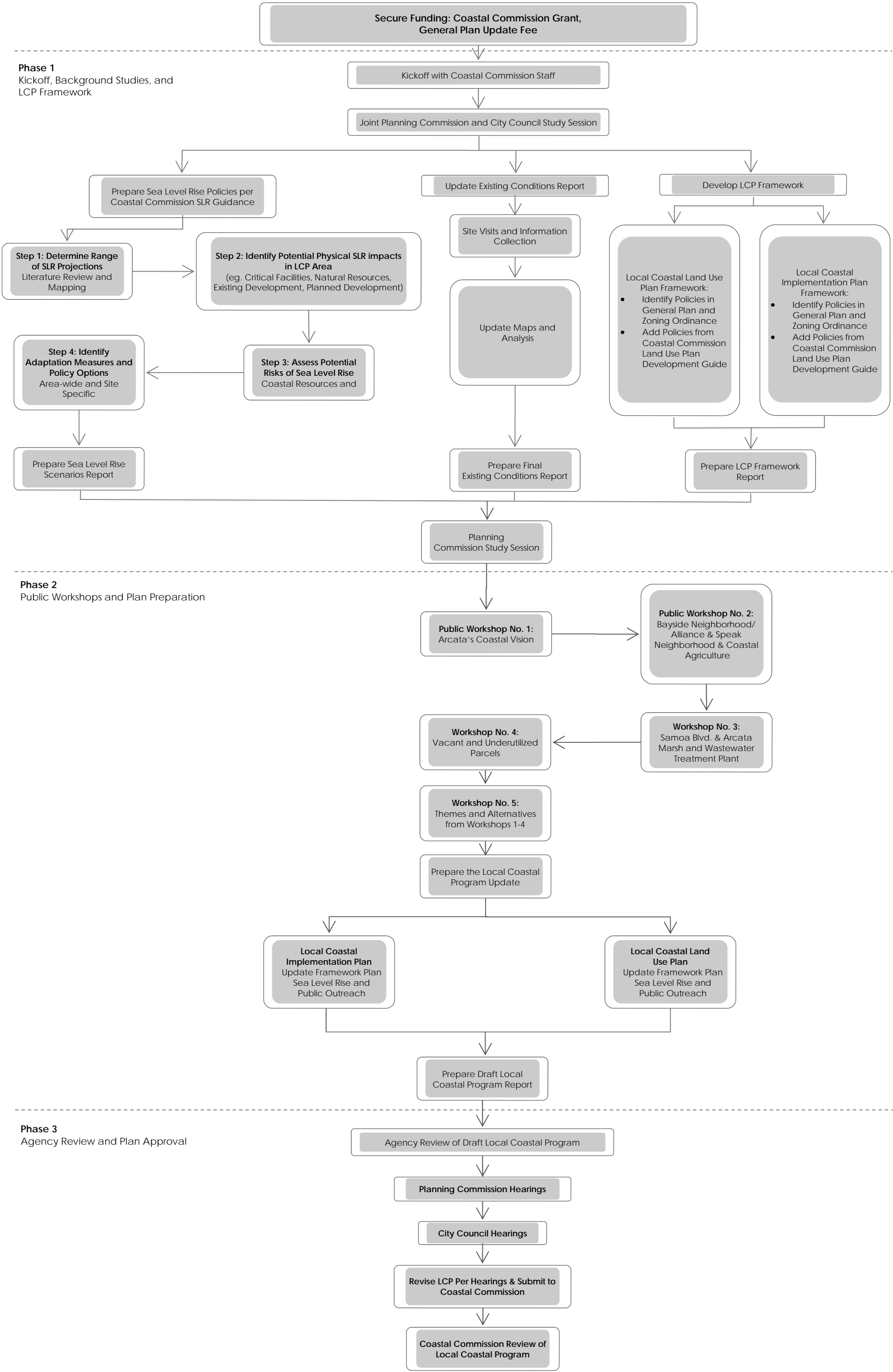
Zoning Designations

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City of Arcata Local Coastal Program Update

LACO Project No. 7364.01
November 11, 2013



RESOLUTION NO. 134-26

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARCATA APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION FOR THE LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM SEA LEVEL RISE ADAPTATION GRANT PROGRAM AND A LOCAL MATCH OF FUNDS

WHEREAS, the Budget Act of 2013 provides an appropriation of \$1 million for Coastal Commission grants in FY 13-14 to local governments to support Local Coastal Program (LCP) planning, and

WHEREAS, the California Coastal Commission, under the authority of the California Coastal Act, may provide financial assistance to support coastal planning and has approved a competitive grant program to provide such financial assistance for LCP planning; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the grant program is to develop new or updated LCPs in conformance with the California Coastal Act and to reflect current circumstances and new scientific information that address sea-level rise and other climate change impacts, and

WHEREAS, the proposed use of the grant funds is to achieve certification of the City's LCP, encompassing all of the Coastal zone within the City's jurisdiction, including special emphasis on the effects of climate change and sea-level rise;

WHEREAS, the City of Arcata, has an effectively certified LCP; and

WHEREAS, the City of Arcata, recognizing the inherent challenges associated with the climate change impacts identified in its application package, desires to pursue a project that would result in the completion and submittal for certification by the California Coastal Commission of an Amendment to update the LCP in whole, that would address such impacts; and

WHEREAS, the City of Arcata commits and agrees fully to support a planning effort intended to update a certified LCP pursuant to the provisions of the California Coastal Act, with full public participation and coordination with the Coastal Commission staff, and to get Coastal Commission Certification within two years.

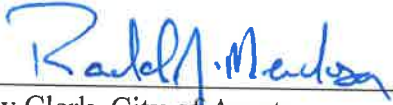
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council, of the City of Arcata, hereby:

1. Directs City of Arcata staff to submit the grant application package referenced herein for the amount of \$57,000 to the California Coastal Commission to provide financial and planning assistance, under the authority of the California Coastal Act.
2. Commits \$70,000 in-kind staff time to complete the overall City Local Coastal Plan update and an additional \$82,000 towards the completion of the Samoa Specific Plan geographic update of the Local Coastal Plan.
3. Authorizes the City Manager or his designee, of the City of Arcata, to execute, in the name of the City of Arcata, all necessary applications, contracts and agreements and amendments required to implement and carry out the grant application package and any project approved through approval of the grant application.

DATED: November 20, 2013

ATTEST:

APPROVED:



City Clerk, City of Arcata



Mayor, City of Arcata

CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of **Resolution No. 134-26** passed and adopted at a special meeting of the City Council of the City of Arcata, County of Humboldt, State of California, held on the 20th day of November, 2013, by the following vote:

AYES: BRINTON, WHEETLEY, ORNELAS, STILLMAN, WINKLER

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTENTIONS: NONE



City Clerk, City of Arcata